

October 10, 2013

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Office of the Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: WC Docket No. 10-90: Annual Reporting Requirements for High-Cost Recipients §54.313

Dear Madam,

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.313 of the Federal Communications Commission's rules, enclosed please find the 2013 annual reporting requirements and certifications for Sagebrush Cellular, Inc., Study Area Code 389013.

Should you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact Twyla Holum via email at <a href="mailto:twyla.holum@nemont.coop">twyla.holum@nemont.coop</a> or by phone at 1-800-636-6680.

Sincerely,

Twyla Holum

Regulatory Compliance Coordinator

**Enclosures** 

cc: Mr. Charles Tyler, FCC Telecommunications Access Policy Division North Dakota Public Service Commission

|                                      | m 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting<br>ollection Form  | A ON  | Form 481<br>IB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819<br>2013 |
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| <010>                                | Study Area Code   | 389013  |  |
| <015>                                | Study Area Name   | Sagebrush Cellular, Inc.  |  |
| <020>                                | Program Year  | 2014  |  |
| <030>                                | Contact Name: Person USAC should contact with questions about this data   | TWYLA HOLUM   |  |
| <035>                                | Contact Telephone Number:<br>Number of the person identified in data line <030>   | 406-783-2264  |  |
| <039>                                | Contact Email Address:<br>Email of the person identified in data line <030>   | twyla.holum@nemont.coop   |  |
| ANNUA                                | L REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS  |   | 54,313 54,422<br>Completion<br>Required Required                       |
| <100>                                | Service Quality Improvement Reporting   | (complete attached workshi  | (check box when complete)  |
| <200><br><210>                       | Outage Reporting (voice)  | (complete attached workship) no outages to report   | eet)   |
| <300><br><310><br><320><br><330>     | Unfulfilled Service Requests (voice)  Detail on Attempts (voice)  Unfulfilled Service Requests (broadband)  Detail on Attempts (broadband)  | 0<br>(attach descriptive docume<br>(attach descriptive docume   |  |
| <400><410><420><420><440><450>       | Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (voice) Fixed Mobile  Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (broad) Fixed Mobile  |   | v v  |
| <1000><br><1010><br><1100><br><1110> | Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection F  389013nd510  Functionality in Emergency Situations 389013nd610  Company Price Offerings (voice)  Company Price Offerings (broadband)  Operating Companies and Affiliates  Tribal Land Offerings (Y/N)?  Voice Services Rate Comparability  Terrestrial Backhaul (Y/N)?  Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers | Rules Compliance  (check to indicate certificati (attached descriptive docume (check to indicate certificati (attached descriptive docume (complete attached workshe (complete attached workshe (if yes, complete attached workshe (check to indicate certificati (attach descriptive docume (if not, check to indicate certificati (complete attached workshe (complete attached workshe |  |
|                                      | Price Cap Carriers, Proceed to <u>Price Cap Additional</u><br>Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price   |   |  |
| <3000><br><3005>                     | Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to <u>ROR Additional</u>   | Documentation Worksheet  (check to indicate certification (complete attached worksheet)   |  |

|       | rvice Quality Improvement Reporting<br>llection Form  | FCC Form 481  OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819  July 2013 |
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| <015> | Study Area Name Sagebrush Co  | llular, Inc.   |
| <020> | Program Year 2014   |  |
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| <035> | Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030> 406   | -783-2264  |
| <039> | Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> **  |  |
| <110> | Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?   | (yes / no ) O •  |
| <111> | If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?   | (yes/no) O O   |
|       | If your answer to Line <111> is yes, then you are required to file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing $\S$ 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.            |  |
| <112> | Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your con CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only  | pany is a  |
|       | required to address voice telephony service.  |  |
|       | Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to § 54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate. | Name of Attached Document (.pdf)   |
| <113> | Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets  |  |
| <114> | Report how much universal service (USF) support was received  |  |
| <115> | How (USF) was used to improve service quality   |  |
| <116> | How (USF)was used to improve service coverage   |  |
| <117> | How (USF) was used to improve service capacity  |  |
| <118> | Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.   |  |

# (200) Service Outage Reporting (Voice) Data Collection Form FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013

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| NORS<br>Reference<br>Number | Outage Start<br>Date | Outage Start<br>Time | Outage End<br>Date | Outage End<br>Time | Number of<br>Customers Affected | Total Number of<br>Customers | 911 Facilities<br>Affected<br>(Yes / No) | Service Outage<br>Description (Check<br>all that apply) | Did This Outage<br>Affect Multiple<br>Study Areas<br>(Yes / No) | Service Outage<br>Resolution | Preventative<br>Procedures |
|                             |                      |                      |                    |                    |                                 |                              |  |   |   |                              |                            |
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| (700) Price Offerings Including Voice Rate Da<br>Data Collection Form |        | FCC Form 481<br>OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819<br>July 2013. |
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| <701> | Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date    | 1/1/2013 |
|-------|--|----------|
| <702> | Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge |          |

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|----|------|-----------------|------------|-----------|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
|    |      |                 |            |           | Residential Local                                |                              | W 200 W 200                 | Mandatory Extended Area |                             |
| St | tate | Exchange (ILEC) | SAC (CETC) | Rate Type | Service Rate                                     | State Subscriber Line Charge | State Universal Service Fee | Service Charge          | Total per line Rates and Fe |
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| (710) Broadband Price Offerings  |  | FCC Form 481      | (A) 12 (  |
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|-----------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---|--|-------------------------|---|
| State     | Exchange (ILEC) | Residential Rate | State Regulated<br>Fees | Total Rate and Fees | Broadband Service -<br>Download Speed<br>(Mbps) | Broadband Service -<br>Upload Speed (Mbps) | Usage Allowance<br>(GB) | Usage Allowance<br>Action Taken When<br>Limit Reached (select |
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| (800) Operating Companies | FCC Form'481  |
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| <810> | Reporting Carrier SAGEBRUSH CELLULAR, INC.                                |                              |
| <811> | Holding Company   |                              |
| <812> | Operating Company   |                              |

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|-----------------|--------------------|--|
| Affiliates      | SAC                | Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation |
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| See             | e attached worksho | eet  |
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|   | pal Lands Reporting<br>ection Form   |   |   | FCC Form 481  OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013 |
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| <039>   | Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data lin   | e <030> twyl                                      | a holum@nemont.ccop                         |   |
| <910>   | Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves   |   | Turtle Mountain Tribal allotted             | land  |
| <920>   | Tribal Government Engagement Obligation  If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes,No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached PDF, on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:  |   | 389013nd910  Name of Attached Document (.pd | df)   |
| <921> <922> <923> <924> <925> <926> <926> <927> | Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions; Feasibility and sustainability planning; Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner; Compliance with Rights of way processes Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements Compliance with Facilities Siting rules Compliance with Environmental Review processes | Select<br>(Yes,No,<br>NA)<br>NA<br>NA<br>NA<br>NA |   |   |
| <928>   | Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes   | NA  | 1   |   |
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|        | o Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting<br>ection Form   | FCC Form 481<br>OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819<br>July 2013 |
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| <1120> | Please check this box to confirm no terrestrial backhaul options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G)  |  |
| <1130> | Please check this box to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G) |  |

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| Lifeline | rms and Condition for Lifeline Customers<br>ection Form  | ""<br>""<br>"" |                                     | FCC Form 481  OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013 |
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| <1210>   | Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans   | Na             | ame of attached document (.pdf)     |   |
| <1220>   | Link to Public Website   | HTTP           | nemont.net/telephone.assistance.php |   |
|          | "Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report: |                |                                     |   |
| <1221>   | Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,  |                |                                     |   |
| <1222>   | Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,   |                |                                     |   |
| <1223>   | Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.   |                |                                     |   |

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| Including                               | Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers           |  | July 2013  |
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|   | support as set forth in 47 CFR y 34.313(b),(c),(c),(c),(c)                          | morniador reported on this form and in the documents attached bei  | OW IS acculate.                                      |
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|   | Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting                                       |  |  |
| <2010>                                  | 2nd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1))                                      |  |  |
| <2011>                                  | 3rd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(2))                                      |  |  |
|   | 4 4 4   |  |  |
|   | Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification (47 CFR § 54.312(a))       |  |  |
| <2012>                                  | 2013 Frozen Support Certification   |  |  |
| <2013>                                  | 2014 Frozen Support Certification   |  |  |
| <2014>                                  | 2015 Frozen Support Certification   |  |  |
| <2015>                                  | 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification  |  |  |
|   |   |  |  |
|   | Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support (47 CFR § 54.313(d))                  |  | - <u></u>  |
| <2016>                                  | Certification Support Used to Build Broadband                                       |  |  |
|   |   |  |  |
|   | Connect America Phase II Reporting (47 CFR § 54.313(e))                             |  |  |
| <2017>                                  | 3rd year Broadband Service Certification  |  |  |
| <2018>                                  | Sth year Broadband Service Certification  |  |  |
| <2019>                                  | Interim Progress Certification  |  |  |
| <2020>                                  | Please check the box to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 2021,                |  |  |
|   | contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipier    | t  |  |
|   | of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of           |  |  |
|   | community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadbane          | 1  |  |
| 100000000000000000000000000000000000000 | service in the preceding calendar year.   | DE LONGE DE LOS DELOS DE LOS DELOS DE LOS DELOS DE LOS DE LOS DE LOS DE LOS DE LOS DE LOS DELOS DE LOS DE LOS DELOS DE |  |
| <2021>                                  | Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions                                      | Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information   | <del></del>  |
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| CHECK t    | he boxes below to note compliance on its five year service quality plan (pursu<br>CFR § 54.313{f)(2). I further certify that   | ant to 47 CFR § 54.2D2(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring<br>the information reported on this form and in the documents attacl   |   |
|            | Progress Report on 5 Year Plan   | •  |   |
| (55-5)     | The control of the co |  |   |
| (3010)     | Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)) Please check this box to confirm that the attached PDF , on line 3012,  | Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information   |   |
| (3011)     | contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (f)(1)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and   |  |   |
| (/         | addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing  |  |   |
|            | access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.  |  |   |
| (3012)     | Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54 313(f)(1)(ii))  | Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information   |   |
| (3013)     | Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier [47 CFR § 54 313(f)(2)]   |  | (Yes/No)  |
| (3014)     |  |  | (Yes/No)  |
|            | Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017,   |  |   |
|            | contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:  |  |   |
|            | Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for  |  |   |
| (3015)     | Telecommunications Borrowers)  |  |   |
| (3016)     | PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows   |  |   |
| (3017)     | If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual  |  |   |
| (2017)     | report and all required documentation  | Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information   |   |
| (3018)     | If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?   |  | (Yes/No)  |
|            | If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to   |  |   |
|            | confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54,313(f)(2), contains   |  |   |
|            | Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report  |  |   |
| (3019)     | in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications  |  |   |
| (3020)     | PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows   |  |   |
| January.   |  |  |   |
| (3021)     | Management letter issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit.  |  |   |
|            | If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below   |  |   |
|            | to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2),   |  |   |
|            | contains:  |  | _   |
|            | Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an<br>independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a   |  |   |
| (3022)     | format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications   |  |   |
|            | Borrowers,   |  |   |
| (3023)     | Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified   |  |   |
|            | public accountant  |  |   |
| (3024)     | Underlying information subjected to an officer certification   |  | H   |
| (3025)     | PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows   |  |   |
| (3026)     | Attach the worksheet listing required information  | Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information   | ( <del>-</del>                                      |
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| <010>                              | Study Area Code                       | 389013   |  |
| <015>                              | Study Area Name                       | Sagebrush Cellular, Inc.   |  |
| <020>                              | Program Year                          | 2014   |  |
| <030>                              | Contact Name - Perso                  | n USAC should contact regarding this data TWYLA HOLUM                      |  |
| <035>                              | Contact Telephone N                   | umber - Number of person identified in data line <030> 406-783-2264        |  |
| <039>                              | Contact Email Addres                  | s - Email Address of person Identified in data line <030> twyla holum@nemo | ont,coop   |

### TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

# Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate. Name of Reporting Carrier: Sagebrush Cellular, Inc. Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE Date 10/07/2013 Printed name of Authorized Officer: CFO Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 406.783.2358 Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 389013 Filing Due Date for this form: 10/15/2013 Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

Attachments

| (800) Operating Companies | FCC Form 481  |
|---------------------------|---|
| Data Collection Form.     | OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 |
|                           | July 2013   |

| <010> | Study Area Code  | 389013                    |
|-------|--|---------------------------|
| <015> | Study Area Name  | Sagebrush Cellular, Inc.  |
| <020> | Program Year   | 2014                      |
| <030> | Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data                | TWYLA HOLUM               |
| <035> | Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>    | 406-783-2264              |
| <039> | Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030 | > twyla.holum@nemont.coop |
| <810> | Reporting Carrier SAGEBRUSH CELLULAR, INC.                                   |                           |
| <811> | Holding Company  |                           |
| <812> | Operating Company  |                           |

| (a)>                               | <92>   | (33)   |
|------------------------------------|--------|--|
| Affiliates                         | SAC    | Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation |
| NEMONT TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC. | 482247 | NEMONT   |
| MISSOURI VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS     | 382247 | NEMONT   |
| PROJECT TELEPHONE COMPANY          | 482250 | NEMONT   |
| SAGEBRUSH CELLULAR, INC.           | 489006 | NEMONT   |
| SAGEBRUSH CELLULAR, INC.           | 489010 | NEMONT   |
| NEMONT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.        |        | NEMONT   |
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# §54.313(a)(5) – COMPLIANCE WITH SERVICE QUALITY STANDARDS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION RULES

Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules Annual Certification for Voice and Broadband Service

| Remi Sun                | <b>Chief Financial Officer</b> | Sagebrush Cellular, Inc. |  |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Printed Name of Officer | Title of Officer               | Company Name             |  |

I am authorized to provide this certification on behalf of the Company. I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the Company is in compliance with consumer protection rules of the Federal Communications Commission and the Montana and North Dakota Public Utilities Commissions for voice service. At this time the Montana and North Dakota Public Utilities Commissions have not "adopted" the FCC QoS Standards. Sagebrush Cellular, Inc. complies with all FCC and Montana Public Service Commission protection rules and reporting requirements; as well as CTIA protection rules. These include; annual Do-Not-Call rules/notifications to subscribers, filing of Hearing Aid Compatibility Status Reports, Opt-Out letters sent annually to customers, filing of Annual RCCCI certification for Accessibility, and new employee and annual employee/company CPNI/Red Flag Training and certification. An explanation of our CPNI practices and FAQ's, as well as other consumer protection information and where to file complaints can be found at <a href="https://www.nemont.net/consumer-info.php">www.nemont.net/consumer-info.php</a>. CTIA compliance information can be found at <a href="https://www.nemont.net/wireless.php">www.nemont.net/wireless.php</a>.

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| Signature          | hil-        |  |
|                    | Remi Sun    |  |
| Printed/Typed Name |             |  |

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# §54.313(a)(6) – ABILITY TO FUNCTION IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

Ability to Function in Emergency Situations Annual Certification

| Remi Sun               | Chief Financial Officer | Sagebrush Cellular, Inc. |  |
|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| rinted Name of Officer | Title of Officer        | Company Name             |  |
|                        |                         |                          |  |

I am authorized to provide this certification on behalf of the Company. I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the Company is capable of functioning in emergency situations. The Company has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality of voice services without an external power source. Buildings and Central Offices are equipped with UPS using battery backup and standalone generators. Cell sites are equipped with at least 8 hours of battery backup and plug in's for portable generators. The Company is able to reroute cellular traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations. Sagebrush Cellular, Inc. is fully protected for all cellular traffic which will fail over to the redundant path in case of an emergency or maintenance. All network transport is designed and installed in a redundant, geo diverse, ring architecture that will automatically fail over in case of a disruption in service.

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| Signature          | In-l-s                |  |
| Printed/Typed Name | Remi Sun              |  |

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# §54.313(a)(9) – COMPLIANCE WITH TRIBAL OUTREACH AND LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

Sagebrush Cellular, Inc. (SCI), Study Area Code 389013, provides services to some Turtle Mountain Tribe allotted land in North Dakota. SCI requested a meeting to discuss additional requirements listed in the USF/ICC Transformation Order regarding Tribal Engagements; however, SCI has not received any responses from Turtle Mountain Tribal officials.